

I enclose two
lists of the lectures
at the R.I. which
Dr Jones gave
me. You will
see that this requires
a speedy reply.

Believe me with
best love to all at
home
Yours affectionately
John Lubbock

London Dec 8th
1869.

Your papers are
announced for
the next meeting of
the Geological Socy.

Dear Papa.

I yesterday evening
received from Lady Lyell a note
saying that your letter to the
Socy Royal institution had been
sent, with a note from Sir Charles
& that Dr Bruce Jones had said
in reply that all the lectures were
filled up, but that he wished to
see me & explain matters.

Accordingly this morning I called
on him.

He said that all the courses of
lectures were filled, & had been so
since early last summer, & that
it was very unlikely that any of
the lecturers would fail

But that on account of what
Sir Charles wrote & what Dr Bush?
the president of the Council had
said, that if you could have one
of the Friday evenings if you pleased,
& that he knew many who were
anxious to lecture, but would
keep one open for you till the
fifteenth of next month.

The Friday evening lectures however
are not paid, & are as it were
gifts to the institution. Only
members & their friends being
admitted.

If you should accept his offer,
he thinks that the last Friday
in May would be the best day,
so as to allow of your papers
at the societies being read first,
to bring your name before the
public.

He does not think that under any
circumstances you would be likely
to have other than a small audience.

Experimenters he said take best
& draw largest audiences, especially
men whose names are always before
the English public.

The length of the lecture is limited to
one hour & should not exceed that
limit, or people become tired & begin
to go out.

He said that simplicity of title was
a great thing, people taking up the
list of lectures & deciding not to go
if it was anything they thought
hard to understand; but that
you could give it to them as you
like when you once got them there.
always providing that you did not
become so dry as to ~~drive~~ cause them
to leave.

The pay given for the courses of
lectures, is from £5 to £10 each
lecture. Only expenses, such as bringing

apparatus to the lecture room; or
copying out any particular diagrams
or manuscript - are allowed for
the Friday evenings.

He was so strong on the necessity of
simplicity of title as to say that
"vegetation" would be almost better
than "flora". & said that such a title
for a paper as "The Laurentian rocks"
or anything of that kind might not
bring more than 50 people.

He also spoke of the great difficulty
of keeping up the scientific standard
& yet getting people to attend.

I today received a letter from
R. & J. Darbishire, Manchester, saying
that he had been directed by Dr. P. Carpenter
to pay me £10 to your account.

I am writing to him tonight giving
my address (which he asked for)

Please tell me about it in your next.
Please enclose one of your cards when
you write next, as, if I ever find time,
I may thus obtain admission to the
biological society's meetings.

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